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KINGS BYTE MEETINGS

Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at BAM (B'klyn Academy of Music) located near the Atlantic Ave. and Pacific St. subway stations. It is also near the L.I.R.R station.

Meetings start at 7:00 PM. Assembly language course at 7:30 PM. Lectures and/or demonstrations start at 8:15 PM. For up-to-date information call our Official Contact, Morty Libowitz at (212)763-4233.

President's Keyboard by Steve Abramowitz

Hi Everybody! By the time you read this, I hope to be back from my second trip this month to Florida. The first was a vacation and the second was to celebrate my son Michael's Bar Mitzah.

I understand that the Word Processing Seminar at our last meeting was so good that it could be called "ELECTRIC". My thanks and a tip of the hat to all of the particpants; Barry Kornfeld, Stan Milgrim, Walter Gorkiewcz, and Lou Shapiro. My thanks also to Kal who chaired the December meeting in my absence.

We have a very exciting meeting planned for January 6, 1982 (cops l almost wrote '81). Stephen Leon will discuss CP/M on the TRS 80 Model I and will demonstrate it with an Omicron Mapper. Many of you are familiar with the TRSDOS family of operating systems, but CP/M is quite different. Some of us have a modified CP/M version 1.4 but Stephen will be using the more recent version 2.

Now that IBM and XEROX have selected CP/M for their small computers, (since they don't know how to write software for MICROS—just kidding) CP/M has become the defacto industry standard. It's principal feature is its system portability. However, as we are all learning, sometimes the operating system has so many bells and whistles of its own and many application programs do not run correctly, or even run. For example, about one—half of the 38 or 39 patches or zaps for the latest version of Newdos 80 (version 2) are to application programs so that they can run on that system. There are patches for Pencil, Scripsit, Viscalc, and the Radio Shack Cobol & Basic Compilers.

The newest version of LDOS 5.1.1 also contains some Patch files for Pencil, Visicalc and 2 different ones for Scripsit. LDOS has added a few features to Visicalc, and has created a really outstanding new version of Scripsit, which LDOS calls LSCRIPT. Frankly, the price of the operating system is worth it alone for the LSCRIPT file. But LDOS remains, in my opinion, the most advanced and sophisticated of all of the TRSDOS based operating systems. It will be interesting to see how CP/M version 2.2 the "de facto industry standard" compares.

Our public domain disk library is in trouble. We have a number of long overdue disks outstanding. Members should try to return their library disk to Morty at the next meeting, or mail it back to him if they are unable to attend. If this situation continues, we may have to require a refundable deposit check of \$3.00 to cover the cost of the media.

Happy holidays! Happy New Year! Happy Computing!

Steve

GUIDE TO THE USE OF SCRIPSIT - Second Part

REMOVING HYPHENS IN TEXT (E.G., PRIOR TO EDITING):

ANY CHANGE IN THE TEXT OR IN THE MARGIN COMMANDS OF 29 A DOCUMENT AFTER IT HAS BEEN HYPHENATED NECESSITATES REMOVING EXISTING HYPHENS AND RE-HYPHENATING; THE REMOVAL SHOULD TAKE PLACE REFORE EDITING -- THE RE-HYPHENATION SHOULD BE DONE AFTER COMPLETION OF EDITING

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SCREEN WIDTH MUST BE SET
TO THE SAME LENGTH AS THE
LINES PRINTED ON HARDCOPY
SUBTRACT LEFT MARGIN VALUE FROM

SUBTRACT LEFT MARGIN VALUE FROM
RIGHT MARGIN VALUE; CALL
THE DIFFERENCE THUS OBTAINED
"X" (USE IN SECOND LINE BELOW)

BREAK
W=X(CR)
TO SET SCREEN LINE LENGTH EQUAL
TO PRINTED LINE LENGTH
PUT THIS "X" VALUE IN A COMMENT
LINE AT TOP OF TEXT FOR
FUTURE REFERENCE

POSITION CURSOR OVER FIRST SPACE OR CHARACTER IN TEXT WHERE YOU WANT HYPHENATION TO BEGIN

CTRL Q

NOW POSITION CURSOR OVER THE LINE END MARKER (GRAPHIC BLOCK) WHICH TERMINATES THE LAST LINE IN WHICH YOU WANT HYPHENATION

CTRL Q

CTRL DN ARROW

BREAK H(CR)

2(CR) SPECIFY "2" FOR THE "HOT ZONE"

AT THE FIRST HYPHEN DECISION

CLEAR THE HYPHENS HAVE NOW BEEN DELETED

WINDOW COMMAND MODE:

* CTRL W THEN USE THE 4 ARROW KEYS TO SCROLL 54
THE TEXT THROUGH THE WINDOW

* CLEAR WILL CANCEL THE WINDOW MODE (AS WILL
THE USE OF ANY OTHER COMMAND)

USE OF "CLEAR" KEY:

* CLEAR CANCELS INSERT MODE AND DELETES 20
ALL SPACES UP TO THE FIRST

	•	ALPHANUMERIC CHARACTER
		(INCLUDING SPACES WHICH ARE
	•	AUTOMATICALLY INSERTED BY A
		PARAGRAPH BOUNDARY MARKER)
*	CLEAR	CANCELS ANY INSTRUCTION WHICH IS 20
		"IN PROGRESS" SUCH AS A
		PRINTOUT OR A GLOBAL COMMAND
*	CLEAR	CANCELS MESSAGES ON THE MESSAGE 20
		LINE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
		SCREEN
*	CLEAR	WILL REFORMAT THE CURRENT AND 20
		PREVIOUS LINE IF NEEDED AFTER
		AN EDITING OPERATION HAS
		REPLACED A LONG FIRST-WORD IN
		A LINE WITH A WORD WHICH IS
		NOW SHORT ENOUGH TO FIT ON THE
		PREVIOUS LINE; PRESS CLEAR AFTER
		EDITING THE WORD
*	CLEAR	CANCELS ANY SPECIAL COMMAND LINE 20
		PROMPT WHICH WAS OBTAINED BY
		PRESSING BREAK

STATUS INQUIRY:

*	BREAK	TO DETERMINE LINE WIDTH ON SCREEN	12
	?W(CR)	(DEFAULT IS 60)	
*	BREAK	TO RESET SCREEN LINE WIDTH TO	15
	W=X(CR)	"X" CHARACTERS (DEFAULT 60)	
*	BREAK	GIVES PARAGRAPH INDENTATION	12
	?I (CR)	(DEFAULT IS 5)	
*	BREAK	TO RESET PARAGRAPH INDENTATION	15
	I=X(CR)		
*	BREAK	TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF	12
	?L(CR)	CHARACTERS YOU HAVE TYPED	
*	BREAK	TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF	12
	?M(CR)	CHARACTERS WHICH CAN YET FIT	
		IN MEMORY (32668 MAX IN 48K)	
*	BREAK	LINE NUMBER OF LAST LINE TO CONTAI	IN 12
	?C(CR)	THE CURSOR	
*	BREAK	DISPLAYS CURRENT FILENAME	12
	?N (CR)		

FORMAT COMMANDS FOR PRINTED OUTPUT:

SAMPLE FORMAT LINE:	15, 18
* >LM=10 RM=70 TM=3 BM=63 PF=2	37
LEFT MARGIN = 10 SPACES FROM LEFT I	EDGE
RIGHT MARGIN = 70 SPACES FROM LEFT	EDGE
TOP MARGIN = 3 LINES FROM TOP EDGE	
BOTTOM MARGIN = 63 LINES FROM TOP 1	EDGE
PARAGRAPH FORMAT = 1 LINE BETWEEN	PARA
THIS GIVES A LINE LENGTH OF AD WITH AD LINES	/PAGE

COMMAND SUMMARY:

	COMMAND		FLI
	LM=X	LEFT MARGIN 12	
	RM=X	RIGHT MARGIN 72	?
	TM=X	TOP MARGIN 6	,
:	BM=X	BOTTOM MARGIN . 60)
:	PF=X	PARAGRAPH FORMAT (1=NO LINE B/N) 1	
ľ	LS=X	LINE SPACING (1=SINGLE SPACING) 1	
1	PL=X	PAGE LENGTH (# OF PHYSICAL LINES) 66	,
	J≔Y	LEFT & RIGHT JUSTIFICATION Y	,
ľ	J≖N	LEFT JUSTIFICATION ONLY (SEE NOTE) Y	,
ľ	C=Y	CENTER TEXT B/N LEFT & RIGHT N	1
	C=N	STOP CENTERING OF TEXT N	i
:	FR≖Y	RIGHT JUSTIFICATION ONLY N	ı
t	FR=N	DISABLE RIGHT JUSTIFY ONLY N	
t	VC=Y	VERTICALLY CENTER TEXT N	-
1	VC=N	DISABLE VERTICAL CENTERING N	
ı	P=Y	ENABLE PRINTING Y	_
l l	P=N	SUSPEND PRINTING TEMPORARILY Y	
	H=X	FIRST HEADER TO APPEAR ON PAGE X	
	F=X	FIRST FOOTER TO APPEAR ON PAGE X	
	H=Y	ENABLE HEADERS	
	H=N		
	F=Y	DISABLE HEADERS	
		ENABLE FOOTERS	
	F≕N	DISABLE FOOTERS	
	H=E	PRINT EVEN HEADER ON NEXT PAGE	
	H=0	PRINT ODD HEADER ON NEXT PAGE	
	F=E	PRINT EVEN FOOTER ON NEXT PAGE	
	F=0	PRINT ODD FOOTER ON NEXT PAGE	
ι 	PN=X	BEGIN PAGE NUMBERS WITH VALUE OF X	
Ю.	res:		
		SEE HIERARCHY RULES ON PAGE 18	
		OF SCRIPSIT MANUAL	
		EVEN HEADERS/FOOTERS ARE FLUSH RIGHT	_
:		ODD HEADERS/FOOTERS ARE FLUSH LEFT	
		IF FLUSH LEFT ONLY IS DESIRED AND	18
		ANY OF THESE ARE IN EFFECT:	10
		J=Y	
		C=Y	
		FR=Y	
		THEN THE FOLLOWING COMMAND(S)	
		MUST BE USED TO DISABLE ITS	
		COUNTERPART ABOVE:	
		J=N	
		C=N	
		FR=N	
		ANY COMMANDS WHICH CHANGE THE PAGE	5
	_ _	BOUNDARIES	_
			_

VC PL PN H

MUST PRECEDE THE TEXT TO WHICH THEY APPLY. THEY MUST BE AT TOP OF TEXT OR MUST FOLLOW A PAGE BOUNDARY MARKER (DOWN ARROW).

HEADERS (NO PAGE NUMBER IN HEADER):

*	CTRL Q	DISPLAYS BLOCK START MARKER 24,38
	HS	DESIGNATES HEADER TO APPEAR ON
		ALL PAGES (ODD & EVEN)
	J=N	DISABLE LEFT/RIGHT JUSTIFICATION
	SPACE BAR	SEPARATE COMMANDS WITH A SPACE
	C=Y	CENTER HEADER TEXT
	(CR)	END FORMAT LINE WITH ENTER
		TYPE HEADER TEXT HERE & ENTER
	19-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-	INSERT ANY BLANK LINES WITH ENTER
	CTRL Q	TO END THE HEADER BLOCK
	CTRL DN ARROW	
	(CR)	•
	CLEAR	

FOOTERS WITH PAGE NUMBERS:

NOT	E: IF A HEADER	IS NOT BEING USED, SKIP TO ASTERISK POSITION CURSOR ON TOP OF THE
		GRAPHIC BLOCK FOR ENTER WHICH
		IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS THE HEADER
		BLOCK END MARKER
	CTRL S	TO INSERT THE FOOTER BLOCK
	CTRL X	
*	CTRL Q	DISPLAYS BLOCK START MARKER 26,38
	FS	SIGNIFIES FOOTER TO APPEAR ON EVERY PAGE (ODD & EVEN)
	J=N	DISABLE LEFT/RIGHT JUSTIFY
	SPACE BAR	SEPARATE COMMANDS WITH A SPACE
	C=Y	CENTER THE PAGE NUMBER AND ANY OTHER FOOTER TEXT
	(CR)	END FORMAT LINE WITH ENTER
		INSERT ANY BLANK LINES WITH ENTER
	PAGE	TYPE "PAGE " (NOTE SPACE AFTER WORD)
	CTRL Q	BEGIN PAGE-NUMBERING SUB-BLOCK
	P	DESIGNATES A PAGE BLOCK
	##	TWO TO FIVE "#" SYMBOLS DEPENDING
		ON THE MAX DIGITS ANTICIPATED
	CTRL Q	
	CTRL DN ARROW	
	(CR)	END OF PAGE-NUMBERING SUB-BLOCK

	•		
		FOOTER BLOCK END MARKER	
	CTRL DN ARROW		
NOT	E: IF HEADER IS	USED WITH THIS FOOTER, SKIP TO AST	ERISK
	(CR)	(CR) ONLY IF NO HEADER IS BEING US	ED;
		IF HEADER USED, THE (CR) WHIC	H
		TERMINATED THE HEADER IS STIL	
		"IN THE SYSTEM" AND NEED NOT	RF
		DUPLICATED (IT WILL "REAPPEAR	
		AFTER THE NEXT STEP)	
*	CLEAR	CLOSES UP THE TEXT (AND APPENDS TH	E
•		(CR) WHICH WAS DISPLACED BY T	
		INSERTION OF THE FOOTER AFTER	
		HEADER'S BLOCK END MARKER	
		HEADER WAS USED WITH THIS FOO	
		HENDER AND OBED MILL INTO LOG	IER)
		·	
TIT	LE PAGE:		
	LL I FIOL.		
*	>VC=Y	TO VERTICALLY CENTER TEXT	74
•	>C=Y		34
	76-1	TO CENTER TEXT LEFT & RIGHT	
		TYPE TEXT HERE (AS MANY LINES	
		AS NEEDED USE BLANK LINES	
		AS REQUIRED TO SPACE TEXT AS	
		IN SEPARATING TITLE FROM	
		AUTHOR FROM DATE)	
	CTRL V	TO FORCE AN END-OF-PAGE (A PAGE	
		BOUNDARY MARKER)	
	>VC=N C=N	TO DISABLE CENTERING COMMANDS	
-			
PRI	NTING;		
ART	E. DECORE DOLLER		
NOT	EI BEFURE PRINI.	ING, DELETE CHARACTERS AT END OF TE	XT
	CIRL D	POSITION CURSOR AFTER LAST (CR) AT END OF TEXT	
	CIRL F	AT END OF TEXT	
		FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE:	
*	BREAK	FOR NORMAL PRINTOUT	22,46
	P(CR)		
*	BREAK		24,46
	P,I(CR)	a (SEE NOTES BELOW ON SYMBOLS)	
*	BREAK	FOR PRINTING ON SINGLE SHEETS	22,46
	P, P(CR)		
*	BREAK	FOR SERIAL PRINTER	3,22
	P,S(CR)	(I AND P OPTIONS ABOVE MAY	
		BE USED WITH SERIAL PRINTERS)	
SYM	BOLS ON PRINTOUT	WITH "I" OPTION REQUESTED:	
	·		
*	UNDERLINE CHAR	(CR) OR ENTER	34
*	UNDERLINE CHAR	(CR) OR ENTER PARAGRAPH MARKER	'
		PARAGRAPH MARKER	34
*	\$	PARAGRAPH MARKER	34 34
*	\$ BACKSLASH CHAR	PARAGRAPH MARKER PAGE MARKER	34

OPEN BRACKET BLOCK START MARKER
CLOSE BRACKET BLOCK END MARKER

PRINTING PART OF A DOCUMENT:

COPY	MARKERS	ARE USED TO MARK SECTION TO BE PRINTED
*		POSITION CURSOR WHERE YOU WANT 43
		PRINTING TO START
	BREAK	
	C(CR)	DISPLAY COPY MARKER
		PRINTING WILL, BEGIN HERE
		POSITION CURSOR WHERE YOU WANT
		PRINTING TO STOP THE
		CURSOR MUST FOLLOW A TEXT
		BOUNDARY MARKER
	BREAK	ESSISTENT THRUCEN
	C(CR)	DISPLAY COPY MARKER
		PRINTING WILL STOP HERE
		IF YOU ONLY TYPE ONE COPY MARKER,
,		PRINTING STARTS THERE AND
		CONTINUES TO END OF TEXT
		USE "CTRL D" TO DELETE EACH
		COPY MARKER AFTER PLACING
		CURSOR OVER EACH COPY MARKER
		(ONE AT A TIME)

SUPPRESSING THE PRINTING OF PART OF TEXT:

	•	
#		POSITION CURSOR AFTER A BOUNDARY 43
		MARKER AND BEFORE THE TEXT YOU
		WANT TO BYPASS
	>P=N(CR)	FORMAT LINE TO SUPPRESS PRINTING
		POSITION CURSOR AFTER A BOUNDARY
		MARKER AND BEFORE THE TEXT WHERE
		YOU WANT PRINTING TO RESUME
	>P≃Y(CR)	FORMAT LINE TO RE-ENABLE PRINTING
		IF YOU USE ONLY THE P=N COMMAND,
		PRINTING WILL TERMINATE AT
		THAT POINT
		THE FORMAT COMMANDS ABOVE MAY BE
		INCLUDED ON A FORMAT LINE WITH
		OTHER FORMAT COMMANDS

WINDOW SUPPRESS:

ADVISABLE TO LEAVE DEFAULTED 43

SAVING TO DISK:

POSITION CURSOR AFTER THE LAST 21,44

(CR) AT END OF TEXT SO THAT EXTRA SPACES CAN BE DELETED

CTRL D CTRL F BREAK

THEN USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE:

S FILENAME(CR) TO SAVE A NEW DOCUMENT TO DISK --

OR TO A NEW DISK

S(CR) TO SAVE A DOCUMENT PREVIOUSLY

LOADED FROM DISK

S,A FILENAME(CR) TO SAVE A NEW DOCUMENT IN ASCII

S, A TO SAVE IN ASCII A DOCUMENT

PREVIOUSLY LOADED FROM DISK ASCII FORMAT MAY BE USED TO LOAD/SAVE

BASIC PROGRAMS, DATA FILES, AND

QUILL DRIVER FILES

LOADING FROM DISK:

* BREAK

21,45

THEN USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE:

L FILENAME(CR) TO LOAD A DOCUMENT FOR THE FIRST

TIME -- ANYTHING IN MEMORY IS LOST

L(CR) TO RE-LOAD A DOCUMENT PREVIOUSLY LOADED L,C FILENAME(CR) LOAD THE FILE AND APPEND IT TO

ANY TEXT IN MEMORY

MORE SCRIPSIT ZAPS - Submitted by Barry Kornfeld

After all of the zaps have been zapped and the patches patched, SCRIPSIT became (like Mary Poppins) practically perfect in every area except for one thing; the cursor is too slow! Without a real scroll command, we have nought but the cursor to get us up and down the text. That can take a lot of patience with a big document.

Thanks to Skip Taylor of Lancaster, CA, my cursor is zipping around like Dancin' Demon. Here's how to juice up yours:

To increase cursor speed:

Relative sector 15, MOD BA

Change from: 01 AC OD CD

to: 01 0A 00 CD

(NB Changing to FF FF would be the slowest movement. The smaller the number, the faster the cursor moves. OA OO is pretty fast).

The following is from THE VOICE OF THE '80 NEWSLETTER of FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRS-80 USERS GROUP where Alan Abrahamson edits one of the liveliest newsletters around. It will shorten the delay between keypress and cursor movement in the repeat mode.

Relative sector 14, MOD C4 Change from: 61 21 00 04 22 to: 61 21 00 03 22

LAST MEETING

We had a panel of four speakers, each of whom spoke about one of four word processing programs: Barry Kornfeld spoke about SCRIPSIT, Stan Milgraum spoke about LAZY WRITER, Walter Gorkiewcz spoke about IBM SCRIPT, and Lou Shapiro spoke about PENCIL. The presentations were excellent, and our members showed great interest by asking many questions. I am sure that we could learn a lot more if we had another session with this panel.

Kal gave his regular Assembly Language lesson, and it was excellent as usual. The Hardware/Software clinic this time was essentially a discussion of the word processing programs.

One of our members made arrangements to buy group purchases of diskettes at a discount price, and another member did similarly for connectors with gold contacts for the connection between the keyboard and the expansion interface.

CORRECTION

In the last newsletter, there was a letter from Larry Epstein, in which he thanked us for the opportunity to address our group. The subject was the Corvus hard disk drive for which Larry is a distributor. He indicated that help was needed for Model 1 Level 11 BASIC & Assembly Language programming. The telephone number that was given to call was incorrect. The correct number is 235-3173.

DRIVING YOUR DRIVES INTO THE GROUND - by Barry Kornfeld

Disk drives, like cars, can be successfully pushed beyond their rated limits. A 35ms, 35-track Shugart can be pushed to run successfully at 20ms and 37 tracks just as an ordinary car can be pushed to run at sports car speeds, but for how long. Briefly, I tried running my Shugarts at 20ms and the normally quiet drives whined like banshees.

We learn about pushing drives from magazines and newsletters and assume because it is in print the author knows disk drive mechanisms inside and out. I'm afraid that invariably, the author is a software type who has merely found a 'soup-up' zap and assumes that if the drive reads and writes track 37 at 20ms, then everything is OK.

I don't pretend to know exactly what the short or long-term effect of any of these 'overruns' is. I do know that the people at Shugart's eastern regional repair center simply say: 'DON'T'.

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CITYZIP.	

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